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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

ON and after THURSDAY, the 16th December, 1897, until further notice, floating obstructions will be laid to the South of Stonecutters' Island. The Southern limit of the obstructions will be marked on the East by a buoy carrying a red flag, about 750 yards South of White Point, Stonecutters' Island, and by a similar buoy on the West.

Imaginary lines due North from these buoys will give the Eastern and Western limits respectively of the obstructed area.

All vessels are prohibited from passing through or anchoring in this area.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY,
Retd. Comdr., R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.
Harbour Department,
Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [2864

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

FROM the 28th December, 1897, until the 20th January, 1898, sunken obstructions will be laid to the South of Stonecutters' Island. The obstructions will be 11 to 12 feet from the bottom.

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Imaginary lines drawn due North from these buoys will mark the Eastern and Western limits respectively of the obstructed area.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [2865

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 16th, 1897.

We do not hear much, in this *fin de siècle*, of the doings of the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade. Not that we want to hear either of or from that eminently mischievous body; Exeter Hall and the factions which there find a home or headquarters are still far too much in evidence for the welfare of the Empire or for the cause of rational progress. Now that China has, by legalising the cultivation of opium and subjecting the native drug to a comparatively light duty, practically subsidised the home grown article, the import of Indian opium is on the decline. There is still a very considerable demand for good Malwa and Bengal drug owing to a large proportion of the smokers being accustomed to the use of a good and pure article. But a race is rising that, never having known the taste of the Indian drug, will be quite contented with the less soothing and more acrid opium produced in Yunnan, Szechuen, and Kweichow. Little by little the Chinese drug will supersede the Indian opium, until the import of the latter will become trifling as compared with the consumption. But let not the Opium Society flatter themselves that the trade has been killed, or that the habit is less prevalent than it was. Such indeed is far from the fact. The amount of opium imported into China from India and Persia is smaller than it was—only 45,994 piculs in 1896 as compared with 81,606 piculs in 1895—but the consumption of the drug has largely increased. Fully two-thirds of the opium used is now raised in various provinces of China and in Manchuria, and the Yunnan and Szechuen drug has this year made its appearance on the Hongkong market. The net result of the misguided efforts of the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade is that, while the Indian Opium trade has been considerably curtailed, the habit of opium smoking has been greatly increased by the facility with which the luxury can now be obtained, thanks to the fostering care of the Chinese Government, in discriminating the tax on the home raised product. This was a result foreseen and predicted years ago, when the Society was agitating for permission to be accorded to the Peking Authorities to increase the duties. That the evil would become so serious in so short a time as has proved to be the case we did not anticipate, but it required no prophet to foretell that if the poppy were to be substituted for rice and other grain crops it would not be long before disaster would follow.

This result has been achieved in only too many districts. Land on which formerly the village rice or millet crops flourished now bears the scarlet poppy flaunting on its breast, and opium divans abound in every town and village of the provinces mentioned. A correspondent of our Shanghai morning contemporary paints a most dismal picture of the effects of the opium habit in Szechuen. That province, the most extensive and perhaps the fairest in all China, containing the largest population, possessing the richest natural resources in the Empire, is becoming simply demoralised through this vice, to which young and old are now alike addicted. He says that a recent missionary tour to the districts of Nanchuan and Fuchou has revealed the fact that the poppy is now being cultivated almost universally in those regions. Within his memory the production of the drug must have doubled, and he is not surprised to find that the price of food is high in consequence. The western provinces of China have produced opium for a long period of years, but it was not until the relaxation of the Imperial Decrees—which of late years have been allowed to become a dead letter—against the cultivation of the poppy that the industry received the stimulus that has caused the conversion of the rice grounds into poppy fields. The Chinese officials share the profits with the cultivators, and they connive at the smuggling of the drug into other provinces. Under the former condition of affairs, when the Chinese in the maritime provinces drew almost the whole of their opium supply from foreign countries the habit was limited on account of its cost; it is now, owing to the low price of native drug, within the reach of the poorest classes. The crusade of the anti-opium fanatics has therefore had the effect of slowly killing trade in the Indian opium, but, *pari passu*, immensely increasing the prevalence of the opium habit in China. Even Exeter Hall will hardly consider this a satisfactory outcome of so much vituperative energy.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held this afternoon.

The German mail steamer, *Prinz Heinrich*, passed Gap Rock last night at 8 o'clock.

The English and American mails close at 10.45 a.m. to-day.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Poseidon* left Singapore for this port on the 13th instant.

The *Japan Gazette* says there are some 50,000 bags of German beet sugar at present in stock at Yokohama.

Two notices to mariners, relating to obstructions in the neighbourhood of Stonecutters Island, will be found in our advertisement columns.

The Japanese *Official Gazette* announces that on the 16th ult. 11 cases of bubonic plague occurred at Rokko, Taichu prefecture, Formosa, and another case on the 1st inst.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Yamaguchi Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on 14th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 20th instant, at daylight.

The Bellilios case had been a dull, dry, long job. So far only one joke has been perpetrated and that was by the Chief Justice. It will be seen in our report of the case.

We have received from Messrs. Fletcher & Co. (the Pharmacy) a series of four wall calendars with pocket, illustrated with well printed views of the Houses of Parliament, Canterbury Cathedral, Giant's Causeway, and Durham Cathedral and Castle.

The Missions to Seamen annual tea and meeting will be held at the Kowloon Institute, on Tuesday, December 28th. The tea will commence at 6.30 p.m., and the meeting at 8 p.m. Commodore Swinton C. Holland, R.N., A.D.C., has kindly consented to take the chair.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's race on Saturday for Capt. Phillips's prize will be from the Police Pier, Kowloon, round Meyer's west buoy (port), Kowloon Rock (starboard), Meyer's east buoy (port), and Channel Rocks (port); 9 miles. Start at 2 p.m. Maid Marion, Phœbe, Erica, and Chanticleer allow Active and Meteor 2½ minutes and Sybil 6 minutes.

One outcome of the occupation of Kiaochau by Germany is said by the Japanese vernacular press to be a postponement of the payment by China of the balance of the war indemnity to Japan. The Chinese Government hoped to pay the balance off in May next, but Germany's action has upset arrangements completely. In view of this altered state of things, Viscount Takashima, Minister of the War Department, has submitted for the Cabinet's consideration a bill for the cost of repairing the temporary barracks of the Japanese Garrison at Wei-hai-wei.

In the United States Consular Court at Yokohama on the 6th December, before Mr. J. F. Gowey, Consul General, the National Bank of China, Limited, brought an action for 16,727.69 yen against Maconeray Bros. & Lockard. Mr. Litchfield appeared for the plaintiffs. The petition of the plaintiffs stated that they lent to the defendants the sum of $18,000, and to secure the payment of that money with interest at 8 per cent. per annum the plaintiffs obtained from the defendants a promissory note on 21st January, 1894. As collateral security the defendants hypothecated to the plaintiffs certain goods, merchandise and office furniture, valued by them at $6,108.49. These goods with the consent of the plaintiffs were sold and other goods from time to time hypothecated in the place thereof. The defendants were now indebted to the plaintiffs in the sum of yen 16,727.69, and the plaintiffs applied to the court for a distraint warrant on the property of the defendants. The defendants had filed no answer to the petition, and failed to put in an appearance. Judgment was given for the amount claimed and costs.

The woman who was charged with kidnapping a child on the 2nd November, 1896, was yesterday discharged by the Magistrate. The story told by the witnesses for the prosecution was rather a peculiar one. A certain gardener had a daughter, and when his wife died he betrothed this girl, then only a year old, to the son of another gardener. This second gardener was also a widower and undertook the charge of the little girl, who thenceforth lived with him and his son. Everything went on smoothly until the end of last year. On the 10th October, 1896, the defendant was brought to the second gardener by another man. Upon seeing him she declared that she was willing to live with him as his wife, and forthwith took up her abode in the house. In the following month, he had occasion to go to Shamshuipo and upon his return found the woman and the little girl, then 12 years of age, gone. He reported the matter at the Yaumati Station, but either because he had omitted to mention the fact or the Inspector on duty had forgotten to note it, no mention was made in the report book about the girl being taken away. Though another gardener swore to having met the woman and the girl on the day in question, His Worship thought the evidence insufficient to convict the woman, but he strongly cautioned her about her behaviour in future.

A number of subscription griffins which arrived by the steamer *Wenchang* were drawn for on Tuesday afternoon at Kennedy's Causeway Bay stables by the following gentlemen—Messrs. D. Gillies, G. H. Potts, Smith, R. M. Gray, J. J. Bell Irving (2), J. May, J. Geve, G. D. Boeing, E. H. Bruce, C. Bourmann, and H. N. Mody.

A Japanese Imperial Ordinance has been issued to the effect that the value of chopped silver yen, the circulation of which has been made legal tender in Formosa, will be estimated as 1,097 for 1,000 yen gold until further notice. A further Ordinance announces that the circulation of unchopped silver yen will be stopped after the 1st April next.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE DAILY PRESS.]

LONDON, 13th December.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN WEST AFRICA.

It is understood that at an interview between Mr. Chamberlain and Baron de Courcel the settlement of the West Africa question was distinctly facilitated.

THE GERMAN CHINA SQUADRON.

The Emperor William will go to Kiel on the 16th instant, to bid farewell to Prince Henry and the China squadron.

ITALY.

Count Rudini has informed the King that he is unable to re-construct the Cabinet.

THE ENGINEERS' STRIKE.

At a ballot of the engineers on strike 95 per cent. rejected the masters proposals.

[FROM TONKIN PAPERS.]

THE DREYFUS CASE.

PARIS, 3rd December.

Commandant Esterhazy has written to General Pellieux, whose report is not yet concluded, asking to be tried by court-martial in order that he may be able to solemnly prove his innocence.

PARIS, 3rd December.

General Pellieux yesterday presented his report to General Saussier, who has referred the Esterhazy affair to a court-martial.

A letter from General de Boisdeffre to the Agence Havas affirms, contrary to the statements of certain journals, that he has never either written or telegraphed to Esterhazy, that he has never seen him, and that he has never had any communication with him.

PARIS, 5th December.

M. Meline and General Billot, questioned in the Chamber, declared that the Dreyfus case did not now exist; the judgment arrived at must be respected. General Billot added that on his soul and conscience Dreyfus was properly tried and was guilty. These declarations were received with applause. The Chamber adopted by 313 votes to 63 the order of the day, which was accepted by the Government, signifying that the Chamber regarded the case as determined and approved the declarations. General Billot scarified the leaders of this odious campaign.

PARIS, 6th December.

The journals comment on the proceedings in the Chamber and say that the military courts must now be left to accomplish their work in peace.

THE TREATY BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY.

PARIS, 4th December.

The treaty of peace between Greece and Turkey has been signed.

SUPREME COURT.

15th December.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR JOHN CARRINGTON
(CHIEF JUSTICE).

GUBBAY AND OTHERS *v.* BELILIOS.

The hearing was resumed, of the equity suit in which the plaintiffs, D. A. Gubbay, A. J. Raymond, and A. J. David petitioned the Court, on behalf of themselves and of all others of the Jewish community in Hongkong, except the defendant, for a declaration that the defendant purchased a certain lot of land in this colony known as Inland Lot No. 1,381, as a trustee for and on behalf of the plaintiffs and of all the other members of the Jewish community in Hongkong, and that he now held the property in trust for the Jewish community subject to the payment to him of whatever monies he expended in the purchase.

Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Mr. O. D. Thomson, of Messrs. Deacon and Hastings), appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. H. E. Pollock (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) for the defendant.

Mr. Francis proceeded to call rebutting evidence.

Mr. D. Sliss said—I am an assistant in the firm of D. Sassoon, Sons & Co. and a member of the Jewish community in this colony. I arrived from Shanghai about January, 1895, and about eight or nine months afterwards I took up the duties of hon. secretary to the Jewish community. I took over the papers in connection with the new synagogue from E. D. Sassoon and Co., who were looking over the old synagogue affairs at that time. I took considerable interest in the question of the new synagogue and applied to Messrs. Leigh and Orange to prepare plans with a view to the erection of a new synagogue. At that time there was no regular Committee in existence. The letter, dated 20th May, 1896, to Jacob E. Sassoon, of London, was prepared by me. There is a reference to the report by Messrs. Leigh and Orange on the proposed new synagogue, and plans and drawings were forwarded with the report. The letter is signed by Mr. Belilios, who saw the letter before he signed it. He also saw Leigh and Orange's plans. Before dealing with the question of the new synagogue I wanted to know the cost of the new building and the means at our disposal. I therefore requested Messrs. Leigh and Orange to carefully make a small plan and a report. They sent them to me after they were prepared and I showed them to Mr. D. E. Sassoon and Mr. Moses, my seniors, and then took them to Mr. Belilios. I showed him the plan and report, which he carefully examined. He asked me several questions. One question he asked me was why a portion marked on the plan was left out and I said it was the intention of the architects to apply to the Government for a lot less that portion, which was about 10,000 square feet. I afterwards said that if the Government consented that portion would not be enough for building purposes. That was what the architects had told me. I believe at that time I had the plans prepared by Mr. Leum and the earlier plans prepared by Danby, Leigh, and Orange. Mr. Belilios asked me what funds were available. I said they amounted to between $25,000 and $26,000, which included Mr. Jacob Sassoon's expected $5,000. No application was made to the Government for the small portion of land between the date of Leigh and Orange's report of 5th October, 1895, and the letter to Mr. Sassoon in May, 1896. I knew that Mr. Danby had, on Mr. Belilios's instructions, applied for lot 1,381 to be put up for sale.

Mr. Francis—You received a letter from Mr. Moses to that effect?

Mr. Pollock objected to his friend putting a leading question.

His Lordship thought the question could be put.

Mr. Francis—My learned friend had better go to school again and he will learn what a leading question is.

His Lordship asked Mr. Francis not to speak like that.

Mr. Francis—Well, my Lord, I must resent such an objection as that. The definition of a such an objection is that. The definition of a leading question is one that is abundantly clear. A leading question is one that suggests an answer on a material point. If my friend was half as competent to examine a witness as I am we should have shortened the case considerably.

His Lordship was understood to ask Mr. Francis not to create any ill feeling.

Counsel then repeated the question and witness said—I received a letter from Mr. Moses in May, 1896. Before I received the letter from Mr. Moses in May, 1896, I had no intimation from Mr. Belilios that he intended to buy three lots in Kennedy Road for the purpose of building houses there, nor did I have any conversation at all with Mr. Danby as to building on that ground. I did not have any conversation with Mr. Danby at about the time the land was put up for sale. He was not in communication with me at all. After the ground was purchased Mr. Danby asked me if I had heard that the community had engaged Messrs. Leigh and Orange to erect the synagogue buildings, and he wanted to know why he was not engaged, as he had prepared the old plan himself. I said it was very handy to me as Leigh and Orange were the firm's architects. Mr. Danby did not like that and said it was not fair. From that time up to the meeting on the 15th March I had no conversation with Mr. Danby with reference to 1,381 or the upper lots, either in his office or elsewhere. During the same period Mr. Belilios told me that he had bought the two upper lots for his own purposes and that he proposed to erect terraces on them. He never expressed his intention of making use of the two upper lots in conjunction with the lower lot. After we received the letter from Mr. Belilios refusing to give up the whole of the lot I had a conversation with him about the 15th March and before the meeting. That was the first time I knew he wanted an approach to the upper lots from the lower lot. Before receiving the letter of the 8th March from Mr. Belilios asking our architects to confer with Mr. Danby as to the portion of the lot required, I had not heard any suggestion that Mr. Belilios proposed to keep a part of the lot. I did not hear from Mr. Ezekiel, one of the directors, about the difference between the Land Investment Company and Mr. Danby in reference to the two upper lots. I remember receiving the letter of the 3rd July, 1896, in which Mr. Belilios hoped the trustees would be present at the sale. I enquired of Messrs. Leigh and Orange and the Land Investment Company whether they intended to compete for the lot.

Mr. Pollock submitted that was not rebutting evidence, as his friend had put in the letter in his opening.

Mr. Francis contended that it was distinctly rebutting evidence, as it was flatly contradicting statements made by Mr. Belilios as to the reason why the trustees did not attend. Mr. Belilios in his evidence endeavoured to misrepresent the meaning of the letter and he stated that the trustees did not attend because they had given up all idea of buying the lot. Mr. Silas's evidence would show that that was not so and he would also show why they did not attend.

Mr. Pollock—Mr. Belilios did not say that; he said the trustees did not attend.

Mr. Francis—I am afraid my friend's note-taking prevented him from hearing all that was said.

His Lordship said he had clearly indicated that the pleadings as they stood raised the issue that the defendant did not buy the land as one of the trustees for the Jewish community, but that he bought it for his own purpose. The issue on that point lay on the plaintiffs, and it was for them to show that he had it not for himself, but as a trustee for the Jewish community. At the hearing a counter defence, so to speak, was raised that the defendant intended to give them only a portion of the lot. That defence was a reasonable and probable one, and his Lordship had held that the plaintiffs might give evidence in reply to the counter defence, but at the same time he indicated that they would not be allowed to give evidence by way of sustaining the issue that originally lay on them. His Lordship did not think the question objected to ought to be put by Mr. Francis.

Witness, continuing—After receiving the letter from Mr. Belilios refusing to give over the whole lot I saw him in Mr. Chater's office. That was about the 15th March and before the meeting in Mr. Danby's office. I asked Mr. Belilios the reason for refusing to transfer the whole of the lot and said he knew very well that it was all along the intention of the trustees to have the whole of the site.

Mr. Pollock said his friend ought to have cross-examined Mr. Belilios on the point.

His Lordship gave Mr. Pollock leave to re-examine Mr. Belilios if he so desired.

Witness—Mr. Belilios told me he wanted an approach to the upper lots, otherwise the value of the upper lots would depreciate. Then he said he meant by approach a roadway. We asked him how much land he required for it. He said he required a very small piece and asked me to meet him in Mr. Danby's office in the afternoon and he would then tell me. The meeting at Mr. Danby's office was the direct result of that interview. I asked Mr. Orange to come with us. We went there with the object of trying to meet Mr. Belilios's demand for the sake of peace and not, as Mr. Belilios said, for the purpose of ascertaining what ground was required for the synagogue. It was not for the purpose of ascertaining how much we were to give Mr. Belilios. Mr. Danby explained what Mr. Belilios wanted. He did not explain what Mr. Belilios proposed to do with his upper lots. I do not recollect whether he showed the terraces or slopes on the plan. Mr. Orange had a plan and he discussed it with Mr. Danby to see how much land could be spared for Mr. Belilios. After a little discussion Mr. Orange found that, if I remember correctly, he could spare something about 10,000 square feet. Mr. Belilios and Mr. Danby approved of this and then Mr. Belilios raised the question of having a retaining wall between the spare ground and the synagogue ground. He said we should pay half the cost of the wall. We said, "It is not fair on your part to put us to that expense after we have allowed a piece for your own use." He said the wall supported our lot and his and therefore we ought to pay half the cost. After a long dispute with us we thought it was not worth while to quarrel over the matter and if it was a small expense we would meet him on that point. Then we asked Mr. Danby what the retaining wall would cost, and he worked it out to be certainly not more than $1,200. Mr. Belilios asked Mr. Danby to be sure it would not cost more, whereupon Mr. Danby worked out the cost and said he was almost sure it would not be more than $1,200. We said to Mr. Belilios, "Just to please you we will give you $600, as half the cost." Mr. Belilios said, "I cannot settle on that point; I cannot agree to it, because the retaining wall might cost more or it might cost less, but whatever it costs the trustees should pay half." We said, "We could not accept any such liability; we have not got enough means to do so. We want to meet you amicably in this matter and we would not mind paying up to $1,000." Mr. Belilios would not agree and as he was getting unreasonable I left, leaving the trustees with him. At the meeting of the 15th March defendant said that unless we agreed to pay half the cost of the retaining wall, whatever it came to, nothing was settled. About the beginning of March, and before the receipt of Mr. Belilios's letter of the 8th March stating that he would give only a portion, I went to the site with Mr. David, Mr. Orange, and Mr. Raymond. I did not at any time after the letter go with Mr. Danby to look at the site. I never told him that I would go with him to look at the site or that I would go with Mr. Orange. My object in going up at the beginning of March was to show Mr. Raymond the site. The visit had nothing whatever to do with Mr. Belilios's proposal about the division of the land. I remember the interview of the 17th January with Mr. Belilios. Nothing was said then about the giving or taking of any portion of the ground. I did not tell Mr. Belilios, as he stated, that we could not afford to take more than $4,000 or $5,000 worth of land. I do not recollect it at all.

Cross-examined—I was not formally appointed as hon. secretary. I acted as hon. secretary after the trustees were appointed. They were appointed immediately before the first letter was written to Mr. Jacob Sassoon. Nobody has paid for Leigh and Orange's report in October, 1895. They made the report at my request on the understanding that they would get the job of building the synagogue.

His Lordship—Then I suppose it will be charged for later on.

Witness—I do not know.

His Lordship—You might not see it, but it will be there, I suppose? (Laughter.)

Witness (continuing)—When Mr. D. E. Sassoon was appointed a trustee he said the Kennedy Road site was too public. To the best of my recollection from then till the 8th of March I heard no expression of opinion on the subject from him or any other person. When Mr. David was appointed trustee I heard he was not in favour of the site, but he was indifferent and would not object to the site if the other trustees were in favour of it. In January last he told me he was in favour of the site.

The case was further adjourned until 10.30 this morning. Mr. Francis intimated that the evidence would probably be finished before the Criminal Sessions on the 18th, but the arguments could not be concluded by that time.

THE HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Mr. J. Y. V. Vernon in his weekly share report, dated 15th December, says:—

The market continues inactive with but little business and rates weak.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghais have been in request for small odd lots at 173 to 175 per cent. prem. with small sales. Nationals remain out of the market and without business at quotation.

MARINE INSURANCES.—China Traders are on offer at $70 without leading to business. Unions, Cantons, and Straits are all obtainable at quotations with no sales to report. The Northern Insurances have weakened in Shanghai, North China being quoted at Tls. 195 and Yangtzes at $145.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkongs and Chinas have been on offer during the week at quotations with only small sales of the latter at $107 and $106.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macaos unchanged with a small business at $284 and $284. Indos have ruled quiet at quotation with small sales. Douglases remain steady at $57 with small sales. China Manilas and China Mutuals unchanged and without business.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars in the early part of the week changed hands at $153 and $153½; later, however, with a small unsatisfied demand the rate improved to $155 and $156, shares being transacted for cash and the end of the month; on time sales were effected at $162 for March. Luzons continue neglected and without business.

MINING.—Panjoms have found buyers at $4.40, $4.30, and $4.50 during the week, and close steady at $4.40. Charbonnages have changed hands at $102½ and $105, closing steady with buyers at the latter rate. Jelabus, Olivers B., and Great Easterns have found small buyers at quotations, the latter closing with sellers at $3 and $2.90. Rambs continue quiet but steady and sales have been effected at $21, $20½, and $20 for cash and at $22 for January and $22½ for March, market closing quiet at $20.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been on offer at quotation without inducing buyers to come forward. Kowloon Wharves have ruled weak with sellers and no sales at $60, and $50 for small lots would doubtless be accepted. Wanchais are on offer at reduced rates, but are not wanted at the moment.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands continue dull and neglected at $74 with no business to report. Hotels have found small buyers at $49 for cash and sales have been effected for March at $52. West Points and Humphreys unchanged and without business.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands have further improved with sales at $32½, $33½, and $33 for old and at $17½ and $17¾ for new shares. Watsons have found small buyers at $42, but more shares are obtainable at the rate. Gas shares have changed hands at $120. Electrics at $10. Fenwicks at $29, and Hongkong Spinning Co. at $17. All Cotton Mills have suffered a decline in the North and are weak at quotations.

THE YAH LOONG COTTON SPINNING CO., LIMITED.

The first ordinary meeting of shareholders in this company was held at Shanghai on the 8th December, at the offices of the Russo-Chinese Bank. Mr. J. S. Fearon presided and there were also present:—Messrs. A. Wertli, Wang Kiah Zur (Directors), W. A. C. Platt (Legal Adviser), C. W. Wrightson, H. W. Daniel, Collingwood, Wehrung, Rodewald, A-hee, Hung-kee, and Sooy Foong.

Mr. C. W. Wrightson having been appointed secretary to the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—this meeting is purely a formal one, and is called to conform with the Hongkong Ordinance, which requires that a meeting shall be held within four months of the formation of the Company. On taking over the mill from Chang Kee we had many difficulties to contend with, especially in the reorganisation of the system of working from the practically Chinese methods that then prevailed. I am glad to say that this difficulty has now been overcome, and everything is running smoothly. As we expected, all of the spinning machinery required extensive overhauling, and this is now being gradually done under the superintendence of a new fitter lately arrived from England. On going into the question of the extension of the mill, it has been found that no addition to the building is necessary, as by a rearrangement of the present machinery and replacing a portion of the ring frames in the upper story, the number of spindles can be increased to about 20,500, at a very moderate outlay. The quality of the yarn we produce, I am pleased to say, is satisfactory and the prices obtained compare favourably with those current for the product of the other mills under foreign management. The result of the first year's working of the company will be known to us by October next, and I therefore propose—"That the first annual general meeting of the Company should be held in October, 1898, here or in such other place in Shanghai as the Board shall appoint."

Mr. Wehrung seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the general managers, proposed by Mr. Wehrung.

A RUSSIAN MILITARY ADVISER FOR CHINA.

Information has reached us to the effect that a Russian Military Adviser has been engaged by the China Government. The engagement was obviously made some little time back, as the official is expected to arrive daily,—if he is not already in China. The fact may have been perfectly well known to our representation, but until a few days ago it was a secret to the general public. The "engagement" which is by far the most serious step on Russia's part which China has acquiesced in, is in perfect harmony with Russia's general programme in the Far East, and verifies what we have been predicting. It is also in harmony with the Cassini Convention, in connection with which we may mark off another detail accomplished. It brings into sharper relief the fact that a crisis has arrived, or is arriving, in the history of China's intercourse with foreign Powers, which will open a new and eventful chapter for all concerned. Russia is standing with a pistol levelled at China's head and getting all she wants. The situation can only be levelled up by some other Power getting on China's other side with a gatling gun. But it may be that the gatling gun will be reserved for the defence of more vital southern interests. The position of affairs is such, however, as to lead vivid colouring and effect to every movement, and we may anticipate very interesting developments at brief intervals.—*Peking and Tientsin Times.*

THE IMPRISONMENT OF A STRAITS CHINAMAN AT AMOY.

Singapore, 6th December.

Messrs. Braddell Bros. have taken up the case of Tong Cheong, the Straits Chinese merchant, the story of whose misfortunes at Amoy was told in Saturday's *Straits Times*. Tong Cheong's petition was forwarded by Messrs. Braddell to the Government, and, later in the course of Saturday, an intimation was received from the Colonial Secretariat that a telegram had been despatched to the British Minister at Peking asking for explanations.

In conversation with a representative of the *Straits Times*, on Saturday afternoon, the Hon. Dr. Lim Boon Keng remarked that, if the statements contained in Mr. Tong Cheong's petition are true, the colony has been subjected to an unwarranted insult by the British authorities in China. In the doctor's opinion, the British diplomatic officials in the Far East are far too careless and easy-going, with the result that British subjects are sometimes subjected to treatment that the nationals of other European countries do not suffer. Dr. Boon Keng quoted Siam as a leading case. There, the cavalier treatment of Chinese British subjects, at all events, by the British Consular Office at Bangkok contrasts strongly with the energetic action taken by the French authorities for the protection of Annamese and other French subjects. In some instances, instead of things being done for the timorousness of Chinese themselves, who fail to insist upon the recognition of their claims, and are content to be put off with a "don't bother me" on the part of their Consul or his officers.

THE 1897 VINTAGE.

The following is Messrs. Cutler, Palmer & Co.'s report on the vintage of 1897:—

We regret to have to record another generally unsatisfactory year's vintage throughout Europe. In France continuous heavy rain was the cause of the existant state of affairs, while in Portugal and Spain to the scorching heat and the absence of rain at the proper season must be attributed the disastrous results we chronicle.

FRANCE.

Bordeaux.—Extremely unfavourable weather throughout the year has entirely prevented the vintage turning out successfully, the grapes were gathered in more or less bad condition, and under such circumstances it is very doubtful whether the quality of the wine obtained will be at all satisfactory. As regards quantity the '97 vintage is likely to rank as one of the poorest for many years past, indeed it is believed—although official statistics are not yet to hand—that in this lower classed wines the produce of '97 will be but one-fourth to one-sixth of last year's out-turn, while the better classed will also show a very considerable reduction.

The quantity of wine produced during the preceding five years is as follows:—

1896	1,491,000 hhds.
1895	930,000 "
1894	1,040,000 "
1893	2,190,000 "
1892	820,000 "

Burgundy.—In the spring of the year the prospects opened most favourably for the flowering, and continued until the fruit looked satisfactory, but in August and September there was a superabundance of rain, and in consequence a cold temperature,—the antipodes of that necessary for the ripening of the fruit. In several of the districts a certain amount of wine was made, but how it will eventually turn out is somewhat problematical. Fortunately the 1896 wine has well developed since last year, while that of 1895 is of splendid quality.

Champagne.—In this district the vines suffered severely from frosts, which were prevalent throughout France in May, and we learn that "oidium" has caused much damage in the neighbourhood of Aviza and Reims. It is unfortunately a fact that the gathering now completed may be regarded as a failure, and it is doubtful, so we are advised, if any of the produce will be sufficiently good for exportation, even to the English market.

Saumur.—Here again the result has proved most disastrous owing to the frosts, which practically destroyed all the new shoots, and it was only in sheltered places that any grapes were grown. As an illustration of the lamentable production of decent wine we may state that one of the Chateaux that on an average produces 400 hhds., this year produced but 32 hhds.! Happily the yield of 1895 was very satisfactory both as regards quantity and quality.

Charente.—There has been but one-tenth of an ordinary crop, and the quality is poor. We question whether any shipper will quote brandy of the '97 vintage. The cause of all this is attributable to heavy rains, want of sunshine and the grapes were gathered in an unripe and even rotten condition. The Cognacs of 1895 and 1896 are of fine quality.

GERMANY.

As in the case of so many other of the wine producing districts, the weather must be held responsible for the failure of the vintage of Germany; the quantity is extremely small, and the quality is but mediocre. Of recent vintages that of 1893 still stands unsurpassed.

PORTUGAL.

During the whole of the summer the weather was exceptionally hot and dry, and in many vineyards the grapes were scorched and shrivelled. We do not think the wine of 1897 can ever be shipped as a vintage wine; we much regret this state of affairs, because port wine is increasing in popular favour, the shipments to Great Britain alone during the past nine months have amounted to 25,654 pipes, against 22,307 pipes in the corresponding period of last year. The wine made does not lack colour and has bouquet.

SPAIN.

The yield of this year's vintage in the Jerez district will not exceed two-thirds of an average crop; the heat dried the grapes, and the result will be to make the "must" of high strength and full of saccharine, such "musts" as a rule develope into coarse common wine.

Spanish Port, or Tarragona.—Here again the protracted spell of intensely hot and dry weather did not give the grapes a chance to swell, consequently the quantity barely exceeds one-third of last year's yield.

SICILY.

Marsala.—The vintage was much smaller than was expected; it is quite one-third less than last year. The same causes as were prevalent in Portugal and Spain occasioned this disaster. The fruit was naturally seriously affected by the hot Sirocco wind that was prevalent in Sicily in September, and continued some time. A great many of the grapes have been converted into raisins; still some fairly good wine has been made.

NEW DEPARTURE IN FEMALE EDUCATION AT SHANGHAI.

LADIES' DINNER AT CHANG SU-HO'S.

On Monday, 6th December, at three o'clock, an event took place, which, but for the many surprising things that are happening in China, would rivet the attention of the whole community. Five years ago, even two years ago, who would have believed in ten Chinese ladies of distinction from various parts of the vast empire inviting some fifty or so European ladies of different nationalities to a large semi-public dinner, and not only inviting them but themselves sitting down with them, conversing with them as far as the exigencies of language permitted, and partaking of the foreign fare in regular European style, knives and forks, champagne, and flower-spread table-cloths all included? Such a thing could not take place outside of a fairy tale we should have been told. But it has taken place in this world of mingled prose and melodrama a little later. Then came a remarkable run of successes, eight contests being won straight-away without either of them reaching a third round. In 1894, however, Peter Maher, got the better of Craig in a couple of rounds, and upon his arrival in England he promptly carried off a £300 purse by defeating O'Brien, the Cardiffian. Flying a high game after overcoming Pritchard, he found Slavin too good for him, a single round deciding the contest. Everyone agrees that this "Coffee Cooler" is a hurricane fighter of the most pronounced type, but what particular delight there can be in seeing this "tornado" business in place of legitimate boxing I fail to see.

BOXERS AND BOXERS.

It is difficult to account for the wonderful fascination boxing has, for a certain section of our people, the admiration for the heroes of the ring being no means confined to the high, the middle class, or the lowest of the low. Let anyone visit the immediate vicinity of the rendezvous for an important boxing match, and whilst carriages, broughams, cars and cabs drive up with swells, faultlessly attired, there will be scores of hangers-on in the street anxious to catch a glimpse of the heroes of the hour. Although, as I have already said, I have not followed the sport for a long time now, I am a firm believer in boxing, and trust the different gymnasiums and clubs where it is taught may never have to languish for want of funds. A knowledge of self-defence gives tone, as it were, to a man, and I have no hesitation whatever in saying that the mere possession of such knowledge has led to the amicable settlement of many a row, dispute. Peter Jackson, the black, has the credit of being one of the most chivalrous of men, but as he has proved himself in the ring, and it is not so very long ago since the newspapers were leading him to the skies over some chivalrous deed he performed to save a couple of young English ladies from insult. Much older, however, is a tale I remember reading of Jem Mace, somewhere I fancy about 1874. At that time Mace was full of vigour, and an attraction where ever he might appear. Travelling upon the top of an omnibus in the North of England, he ventured to reprove a coffer who was blaspheming horribly, abusing his wife, and generally misconducting himself. This enraged the pitman to such an extent that not only did he inflict a brutal blow upon his wife, but threatened to serve the stranger the same. The preliminaries were quickly arranged, and an adjournment made to a wayside patch of ground. Of course the bully was no match for the hero of the ring, and after being severely mauled for some little time, he got a knock that landed him clean on to the top of a cinder heap. And there he lay, bruised and battered almost out of recognition, and showed no inclination to get up. Surveying his foe intently for some moments as he lay doubled up, the now discomfited pitman said, "Eh, mon, but thee does hit hard!"

SPORT AND ANECDOTE.

BY AN OLD FOGEY.

MODERN GLADIATORS.

When we come to compare the achievements of our professional boxers with those of half a century ago, it has to be admitted that the men who fought in the open-air with bare fists for a purse of £25 or so had a particularly hard time of it. In those days the terrible knock-out blow was a thing practically unheard of, and the men who entered the ring often had to undergo a battering for an hour, and often much longer. Coming still later, to the period of Sayers, Heenan, King, or Jem Mace, the emolument was but little better, and the punishment meted out quite as severe. Now-a-days it is the fashion for big purses to be put up for competition amongst our gladiators of the ring, and oftener probably than the subscribers care for, hundreds of pounds are won and lost in a few minutes. If my memory serves me, the struggle for the existence of these boxing matches was a particularly severe one, and hinged, I believe, upon a contest in the Metropolitan district, in which Jack

There was no more "foighting" after that. The story is an old one, but it went the round of the papers about the time I have mentioned.

NELSON'S SIGNAL.

There has been quite an outburst of what may be termed martial enthusiasm of late, the anniversary of the glorious battle of Trafalgar, coming as it did at a time when the English-speaking world was ringing with the praises of our soldiers in the East, reviving the feeling of pride and loyalty which found so remarkable an expression upon the occasion of the despatch of a certain telegram by the Kaiser. Ninety-two years have rolled by since the French and Spanish fleets, under Villeneuve, were defeated in Trafalgar's Bay, but the memory of the famous deeds is as green in British hearts as if they were only a week old. "England expects every man this day will do his duty!" Who shall say that the spirit that animated Nelson's brave men is dead or dying after reading of what the Gordon Highlanders did in India the other day? Could men have acted up to such an invocation more superbly! The Gordon Highlanders are no strangers in India, as their magnificent record will prove. Upon their colours we find the Sphinx, superscribed "Egypt," and the Royal Tiger, superscribed "India," the following showing where glory has led them:—Mysore, Seringapatam, Egmont-op-Zee, Mandora, Corunna, Fuentes d'Onor, Almaraz, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nive, Orthes, Peninsular, Waterloo, South Africa (1835), Delhi, Lucknow, Charasiah, Kabul (1879) Kandahar (1880), Afghanistan (1878-80), Egypt (1882-84). Tel-el-Kebir, Nile (1884-85). Colonel Mathias uttered an imperishable phrase when, referring to the position the General required to be taken at all costs, he said—"Gordon Highlanders will take it." And they took it! Mine is not the task to refer in detail to the brilliant feat of arms that has thrilled everyone of her Majesty's subjects, but it is a pleasure to be enabled to pay ever so slight a tribute of praise to our gallant soldiers now fighting upon India's coral strand.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Triton*, from Kobe 9th Dec., had strong N.E. wind prevailing throughout.

The British steamer *Siam*, from Bangkok 5th Dec., had strong N.E. wind and sea, dull rainy weather.

The British steamer *Chowtai*, from Bangkok 6th Dec., had moderate to fresh N.E. breeze to Paknan; thence to port moderate gale with very heavy squalls; very high N.E. sea.

The British steamer *Thales*, from Taiwanfoo, Amoy and Swatow 14th Dec., had moderate N.E. wind and fine weather to Amoy. From Amoy similar weather to Swatow. From Swatow moderate wind N.N.W. and rain to port. In Amoy—Str. *Hong Leong*. In Swatow—Str. *Kashing*.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

Nov. 25, French ship Helen Brewer, Mahany, Oct. 29, from Shanghai for Westward.

26, British bark Clen Buchanan, Rankine, Oct. 1, from Manila for London.

29, Amr. ship Wm. H. Connor, Pendleton, Nov. 12, from Manila for New York.

29, Amr. ship Josephus, Gilkey, Nov. 1, from Manila for New York.

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Hongkong, 29th November, 1897. [2722

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Hongkong, 29th November, 1897. [2723

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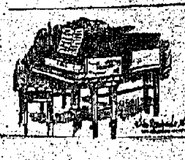

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T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [2832

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF "ORDINARY" SHARES.

THOSE Shareholders who have neglected to register an address in Hongkong with the Company and have therefore not received a copy of my Circular letter dated the 15th November, are hereby notified as follows:—

At the General Meetings of The Punjom Mining Company, Limited, hereinafter called the Old Company, held on the 27th day of October, 1897, and the 13th day of November, 1897, respectively, the following special Resolutions were duly passed and confirmed respectively—

1.—That it is desirable to reconstruct the Company, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that James Berwick Duncan, Esq., be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up.

2.—That the said Liquidator be and he is hereby authorized to consent to the registration of a new Company, to be named The Punjom Mining Company, Limited, with a Memorandum and Articles of Association which have already been prepared with the privity and approval of the Directors of this Company.

3.—That the draft agreement submitted to this meeting and expressed to be made between this Company of the first part and its Liquidator of the second part and the new Company of the third part be and the same is hereby approved, and that the said Liquidator be and he is hereby authorized, pursuant to the provisions of Section 149 of the Companies Ordinance, 1865, to enter into an agreement with such new Company when incorporated in the terms of the said draft, and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications as he thinks expedient.

In conformity with the above special Resolutions, The Punjom Mining Company, Limited, hereinafter called the New Company, has been incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, Hongkong, with a nominal Capital of $510,000 divided into 60,000 Ordinary Shares of $8 each and 30,000 Preference Shares of $1 each and the agreement referred to in the third of such Resolutions has been executed.

All holders of Ordinary Shares in The Punjom Mining Company, Limited, in liquidation, are (under the agreement) entitled to an allotment in the New Company, of the same number of Ordinary Shares of $8 ($4 credited as paid up).

In order to obtain an allotment of the Ordinary Shares, Shareholders must first pay to the New Company's Bankers, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hongkong) the sum of One Dollar per Ordinary Share and having obtained the Banker's receipt must fill up and sign an application letter to be obtained from me, the Liquidator, and then forward the same, together with the said receipt and the Certificates for the Shares held by them in the Old Company to the New Company at their Offices, 9, Praya Central, Hongkong, on or before the 20th day of December, 1897.

Share Certificates will be then issued by the New Company in respect of the Ordinary Shares acknowledging $5 to have been paid up, *i.e.*, $4 credited as paid and $1 paid on application.

If no application as above mentioned is received on or before the said 20th day of December, 1897, I, the Liquidator, shall endeavour to sell under the provisions of the said agreement, all Shares for which an application might have been sent in.

JAMES B. DUNCAN, Liquidator of The Punjom Mining Co., Ltd

Hongkong, 20th November, 1897. [2666

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF "PREFERENCE" SHARES.

THOSE Holders of Preference Shares who have neglected to leave an address in Hongkong with the Company and have therefore not received a copy of my Circular letter dated the 15th November, are hereby requested to apply to me at the Office of the Company for any information.

JAMES B. DUNCAN, Liquidator of The Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1897. [2671

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 2237 dated 19th October, 1898, for 100 Shares in the above COMPANY numbered 4560/4584, 8140/8164, 10348/10357, 12991/12995, 13058/13067, 14179/14188, 5510/5534, and standing in the name of Dr. EDWARD DIBBS, F.R.S., M.D., F.I.C., F.C.S., of Tokio, having been LOST, notice is hereby given that if at the expiration of One Month from the date hereof the above document be not forthcoming, another Certificate will be issued by the Company for the said Shares and thereafter no other will be recognised.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1897. [2672

NOTICES OF FIRMS

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the Special Resolution duly passed on the 11th December, 1895, and confirmed on the 28th December, 1895, and in consequence of the death of JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, on the 8th instant, the firm of JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON has become the General Managers of the COMPANY.

By Order,

A. H. MANCELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1897. [2684

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.

I HAVE This Day resumed charge of the COMPANY.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [2830

INTIMATIONS

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS OF

THE FOOCHOW TEA IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES OF THE COLONY OF HONGKONG, 1865 TO 1890 BY WHICH THE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS IS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF THEIR SHARES.

CAPITAL $250,000, HONGKONG CURRENCY.

Divided into 5,000 Shares of $50 each, of which it is proposed to issue at present the sum of $125,000 in 2,500 Shares of $50 each, and the balance of $125,000 in 2,500 Shares, as may be hereafter determined on.

Of the 2,500 Shares now to be issued, 500 Shares, which will be fully paid up, will be taken by the vendors, in full payment of the properties, business, goodwill, machinery, and effects purchased from them by the Company, and the remaining 2,000 Shares are now offered to the Public.

Issue of $100,000 in 2,000 Shares of $50 each payable as follows:—

$10 per Share on application.
$ 5 per Share on allotment.
$10 per Share 3 months after allotment and the balance as thereafter required.

DIRECTORS.

GUSTAV THEODOR SIEMSSEN, Esq., of Messrs. Siemssen and Krohn, Foochow, Merchants.
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LUI YUEK YEN, of Foochow, Merchant.
HUANG PAI AN, of Foochow, Merchant.

SECRETARY.

WILLIAM PITCAIRN GALTON, Esq., Foochow.

BANKERS.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SOLICITORS.

Messrs. DEACON & HASTINGS, Hongkong.

PROSPECTUS.

THE Company is being formed to acquire as a going concern the business of Tea Planters and Tea Merchants heretofore carried on by the Association called "The Foochow Tea Improvement Company" at Foochow and Pehling in the Fokhien Province of China.

Recent experiments in the manufacture of tea carried out by the Association at Pehling with the aid of Machinery have been attended with much success, inasmuch as teas of greatly improved character and quality have been produced, and it is therefore considered that the time has now arrived when capital on a larger scale can be successfully employed in various parts of the Fokhien Province. In this connection, it should be stated that the Chinese Government Officials have shown themselves favourably disposed towards the Company, and have expressed their intention to protect and assist it in every way.

The property to be acquired from the Association in consideration of the allotment of the 500 fully paid up shares comprises the good will of the business and all its Trade Marks and Chops, the Association's lands in the Fokhien Province of China with a Factory-house for the Chinese Manager, office, and coolie quarters; also a new "Venetian" firing machine, and three new rolling tables, and a sifting machine, the whole being worked by a water wheel 12 feet in diameter and 2 feet broad; also 1 Campbell's Oil Engine, 10-horse power; one Davidson's Sirocco, two Blackman's Fans, and one Davidson's Cutter; also 4,400 Withering Trays and Stands, and Scales and requisite godown appliances; also a cash balance at the credit of the Association amounting to $1,795.16. The land will be vested in two Chinese shareholders as Trustees for the Company.

The Chinese growers in the vicinity of the Factory have always been willing sellers of green leaf, of which an ample supply is at all times available for manufacture.

As regards the prospects of the financial success of the Company, the Directors would particularly draw atte[n]tion to the advantage China now has over Ind[ia] in cheap silver. This fully compens[ates] for the taxation which China tea has at pres[ent] to bear. The cheapness of land, the low scale of wages, and the excellent quality of Chinese labour are likewise facts which cannot be overlooked.

The Machinery has been erected by and is in charge of a resident English Engineer, who is the Company's Property Manager, and has for some years been in charge of a tea factory in India.

The Chinese Manager was recently sent to Ceylon by the Association, where he had practical experience in tea making.

It is proposed to take over the business as a going concern as from the 10th July, 1897, and to enlarge the existing factory at Pehling, and establish other factories in suitable districts.

The Contracts affecting the Company consist of an agreement dated the 13th day of October, 1897, made between the members of the Association of the one part and Gustav Theodor Siemssen, Esq., for and on behalf of the Company of the other part, being the agreement for the purchase of the properties, business, and premises to be taken over from the Association. A copy of this contract can be seen at any branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation or on application to the Secretary or the Company's Solicitors.

There are other arrangements and contracts in existence, the benefits and obligations of which are to be taken over by the Company, such as an agreement to pay the Chinese Manager a bonus of 5 per cent. on the Company's net profits for the first year; contracts engaging clerks, servants, and employés, and other contracts. If such arrangements and contracts come within Section 37 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1877 of the Legislature of Hongkong, all applicants for shares shall be deemed to have waived the insertion of the dates and names of the parties to any such arrangements or contracts and to accept the above statements as a sufficient compliance with that section and applications for shares will only be accepted subject to this provision.

Applications for shares should be forwarded, together with the amount payable on application, to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, or to either of its Branches in the East, or to its Branches at London, Lyons, Hamburg, New York, or San Francisco, or to its agents at Sydney or Melbourne, on or before the 31st day of December, 1897. If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned without deduction and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, the surplus will be credited in reduction of the amount payable on allotment.

Forms of application for Shares can be obtained from the Company's Secretary or Bankers. It is intended to register the Company at once and copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company may be inspected on application to the Secretary or the Company's Solicitors.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1897 [2426

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD., Sole Agents for Hongkong, China and Manila.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1897. [2646

BANKS.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP	£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS	£800,000
RESERVE FUND	£375,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balances. On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 3½ per cent.
" " 6 " 3 "
" " 3 " 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 3rd June, 1897. [16

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [13

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND	$ 7,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS	$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS

ST. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.—Chairman.
Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING—Deputy Chairman.
O. Baumann, Esq. | A. J. Raymond, Esq.
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David Gubbay, Esq.

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Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON & COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 9th November, 1897. [12

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	£1,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL	£ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

D. GILLIES, Esq. | CHA. KIT SHAN, Esq.
J. T. LAUTS, Esq. | CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq.
KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.

Chief Manager.
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 Months Fixed ..... 5 %

Hongkong, 1st December, 1897. [14

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED	£1,125,000
PAID UP	£ 562,500
RESERVE FUND	£ 10,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months ..... 4 %
" 6 " ..... 3½ %
" 3 " ..... 2½ %

J. THOMSEN, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1897. [15

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A COMPETENT BOOK-KEEPER. Apply by letter with full information to WM. G. HALE & CO., Saigon.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1897. [2773

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Hongkong, 20th November, 1897. [2664

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Hongkong, 11th April, 1883 [2869

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LATEST NOVELTIES FOR AUTUMN.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [2290

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Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [2505

INSURANCES.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1872 [17

PHŒNIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., Agents for the Phœnix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1897. [20

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Accidents insured against for £4 and £2 per annum (£1,000 in case of death by weekly payments in case of injury.)

For further Particulars apply to

J. Y. V. VERNON, Agent.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1896. [1420

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

ESTABLISHED, 1797.

AMOUNT INSURED	£330,000,000
LOSSES PAID	£ 12,350,000
PREMIUM INCOME	£ 872,000

THE AGENCY of the above SOCIETY at Hongkong having This Day been transferred to us we are prepared to issue Fire Policies at the lowest Current rates of premium.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1897. [2818

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1896, £12,954,552 0s. 0d.

	£	s.	d.
I. AUTHORISED CAPITAL	£3,000,000		
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	2,750,000		
PAID-UP CAPITAL	687,500	0	0
II. FIRE FUNDS	2,660,850	12	0

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1895. [19

MIDWIFE AND SICKNURSE.

MRS. POONG TZE, late of GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL, Holding Certificate of Competency and Ability from the General Superintendent of that Institution, educated at Dr. KERR'S HOSPITAL, Canton.

References:—Dr. ATKINSON, Government Civil Hospital, Dr. JORDAN, Port Officer of Health, and Drs. HARTIGAN, STEDMAN, and RENNIE.

Address:—152, Praya West.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1897. [2781

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY AT No. 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. CHADWICK KEW, (LATE OF POATE & NORLE).

Hongkong, 13th July, 1897. [2858

SIEN TING, SURGEON DENTIST, No. 10, D'AGUILAR STREET.

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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1891. [2189

NOTICE.

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Head Office: HONGKONG, No. 3, Sai On Lane, West Point.

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CHUI CHEW TING, Manager.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1897. [1024

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Kanegafuchi Cotton Spinning Mill.
Tokyo Cotton Spinning Mill, Japan.
Hayashi Clock Factory.

Hongkong 4th August, 1897. [204

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour—

CATHERINE APCAR, Sassoon[illegible]AB, Brit. str., E. Fey—D. FANN[illegible]sons & Co.
K[illegible]SCHOLTFIELD, Brit. bk., Veitch—Order
[illegible]RKFIELD, Brit. str., A. J. Gibson—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
LOMBARD, Italian bk., Ferato—D. Musso & Co
SEER[illegible]Brit. bk., E. G. Waterhouse—Order

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Lyée* with the French mail of the 19th ultimo, left Singapore on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at 5 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 22nd instant. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 13th October.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, with the American mail of the 18th ultimo, left Yokohama on Thursday, the 9th instant, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 17th instant.

The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 27th ultimo.

The O. & O. steamer *Gaelic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 7th instant.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of China*, sailed from Vancouver on Tuesday, the 7th instant.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The steamer *Prinz Heinrich*, with the German mail of the 15th ultimo, left Singapore on Saturday, the 11th instant, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 16th instant.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. steamer *Guthria*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin via Timor for Hongkong on the 10th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Suisang*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Saturday, the 11th instant.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. P. steamer *Pelican* sailed from Tacoma, Wn., on the 12th Oct., for Japan.

The N. P. steamer *Mogul* has arrived at Yokohama from Portland and sails to-day, for Kobe and Hongkong.

The N. P. steamer *Braemar* sailed from Yokohama on the 5th instant for Hongkong.

The Rickmers chartered steamer *Mount Tabor*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 8th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 17th instant.

The steamer *Radnorshire*, from London left Singapore on Saturday, the 11th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 18th instant.

The D. D. R. steamer *Niobe*, from Hamburg left Singapore for this port on the 11th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 18th instant.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Yamaguchi Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore, for this port on the 14th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 20th instant.

The N. G. I. steamer *Letimbro* left Bombay for this port on the 5th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 24th instant.

The Rickmers Line steamer *Deike Rickmers*, from Antwerp and Hamburg, passed the Canal on the 7th instant, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 29th instant.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD.—26th November—*Ceylon*, *Polyphemus*, *Laos*, *Titania*. 30th November—*Glencoe*, *Diomed*, *Senta*. 3rd December—*Benlarig*, *Pinguey*, *Yarra*, *Ghazee*. 7th Dec.—*Argyll*, *Irene*, *Amphitrite*, *Orwell*, *St. Ronald*. 10th December—*Nestor*, *Tantalus*, *Ataka*. 14th December—*Shanghai*.

HOMEWARD.—14th December—*Giscla*, *Oceana*, *Sunda*.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The Postal Guide for 1896, revised to date will be found in the *Chronicle and Directory* P. XIX. This is the only authorised complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Bangkok.—Per *Kong Beng*, to-day, the 16th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

For Sandakan and Kudat.—Per *Deucalion*, to-day, the 16th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Toonan*, to-day, the 16th inst., at 3.00 P.M.

For Bangkok.—Per *Tamarind*, to-day, the 16th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Verona*, to-day, the 16th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.—Per *Catharine Apcar*, to-morrow, the 17th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.—Per *Tsinan*, to-morrow, the 17th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Peshawur*, on Saturday, the 18th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Straits, Colombo and Bombay.—Per *Trieste*, on Saturday, the 18th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Yamashiro Maru*, on Monday, 20th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma, Wn.—Per *Bracknar*, on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Singapore, Penang and Colombo.—Per *Sanuki Maru*, on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Yamaguchi Maru*, on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Shanghai, Chemulpo, Shimonoseki, and Kobe.—Per *Sagami Maru*, on Friday, the 24th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane Sydney and Melbourne.—Per *Tokio Maru*, on Friday, the 24th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Singapore, Colombo and Bombay.—Per *Idzumi Maru*, on Thursday, the 30th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and Seattle.—Per *Rioyun Maru*, on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Mirzapore*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 16th inst., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

9.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.

11.00 A.M. Mail Closes.

LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) *with 10 cents late fee* up to 11.30 A.M. after which hour they may be sent on board with the same late fee.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Peru*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 16th instant, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

10 A.M. Registry ceases.

11 A.M. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Ernest Simons* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 22

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R. ..... WEDNESDAY, 22nd Dec., 1897
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R. ..... WEDNESDAY, 19th Jan., 1898
EMPRESS OF INDIA....Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 16th Feb., 1898

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey (avoiding the rough passages generally experienced in the latitudes further South) and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for cars at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder Street.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1897. [8

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.			FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION CO.			
Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.	Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
BRAEMAR	3,601	E. Porter	Dec. 21	MOGUL	3,654	W. H. Wright	Jan. 4
COLUMBIA	2,805	A. Gow	Jan. 11	PELICAN	2,338	A. Gove	Feb. 8
TACOMA	2,519	A. Dixon	Feb. 1	BRAEMAR	3,601	E. Porter	March 8
VICTORIA	3,167	J. Panton, R.N.R.	Feb. 22	MOGUL	3,654	W. H. Wright	March 29

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, £47.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route

HONGKONG TO VICTORIA, TACOMA, OR PORTLAND, £28.

The best route to the KLONDYKE GOLD FIELDS. Frequent Sailings from VICTORIA TACOMA and PORTLAND to DYEA and ST. MICHAEL.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, Tacoma, Wash., for Goods forwarded via that port, and to the Freight Agent, Oregon Railroad and Navigation Co., Portland, Orgeon, for Goods Shipped by that route.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [2525

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
LONDON, &c.	MIRZAPORE / T. Wickenden	Noon, 16th Dec.	See Special Advertisement.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	VERONA / C. H. S. Tonque, R.N.R.	Daylight, 17th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
STRAITS & BOMBAY	PESHAWUR / F. W. Vibert, R.N.R.	Noon, 18th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	CANTON / D. C. Gregor, R.N.R.	About 23rd Dec.	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1897 [1

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
YAMASHIRO MARU / J. Jones	NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 20th December, at 4 P.M.
SANUKI MARU / W. Townsend	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA STRAITS (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports), COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	TUESDAY, 21st December, at 4 P.M.
YAMAGUCHI MARU / S. Kawamuro	KOBE & YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 23rd December, at 4 P.M.
SAGAMI MARU / M. J. Carnow	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO, SHIMONOSEKI & KOBE	FRIDAY, 24th December, at 4 P.M.
TOKIO MARU / E. W. Haswell	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 24th December, at 4 P.M.
IZUMI MARU / R. Nunome	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports), & COLOMBO.	THURSDAY, 30th December, at NOON.
*RIOJUN MARU / A. E. Moses	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., VIA KOBE & YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU	THURSDAY, 30th December, at 4 P.M.

*Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1897. [2503

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship

"DEUCALION,"

Captain Branch, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 16th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1897. [2309

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"

Captain E. Fay, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 17th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1897. [2324

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"HOHENZOLLERN,"

Captain H. Bleeker, will leave for the above ports on or about TO-MORROW, the 17th inst.

For further Particulars apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [7

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PYRRHUS,"

Captain Batt, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 20th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [2555

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, and BREMEN.)

THE Steamship

"BELLONA,"

Captain F. von Binzer, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 21st inst., at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1897. [2313

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT-SAID AND ODESSA.

THE Russian Volunteer Steamer

"NISHNI NOVGOROD,"

shortly expected from Nagasaki, will load here as above and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1897. [2778

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & RIG.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO.	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	Pyrrhus	Brit. str.	Batt	Butterfield & Swire	On 20th inst., at 4 P.M.
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	Myrmidon	Brit. str.	Borison	Butterfield & Swire	On 31st inst.
LONDON	Canton	Brit. str.	Gregor, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 23rd inst.
LONDON VIA STRAITS, &c.	Mirzapore	Brit. str.	Wickenden	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
BREMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL	Prinz Heinrich	Ger. str.	Cappers	Melchers & Co.	On 4th Jan., at 9 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, &c.	Sanuki Maru	Jap. str.	Townsend	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES	Pentan	Brit. str.	Hooken	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	On 20th inst.
MARSEILLES VIA SAIGON, ETC.	Ernest Simons	Fren. str.	Manhenge	Messageries Maritimes	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
ODESSA V. STRAITS, COLOMBO, &c.	Nishni Novgorod	Rus. str.		Melchers & Co.	Quick despatch.
LEGHORN & GENOA	Volute	Brit. str.	Carter	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	On 20th inst.
TRIESTE V. STRAITS, BOMBAY, &c.	Trieste	Aus. str.	Mitis	Sander & Co.	On 18th inst.
VANCOUVER, V. SHANGHAI, &c.	Empress of Japan	Brit. str.	Lee, R.N.R.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
PORTLAND, OREGON VIA KOBE	Mogul	Brit. str.	Wright	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
SEATTLE, WINGTON, V. KOBE, &c.	Riojun Maru	Jap. str.	Moss	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 30th inst., at 4 P.M.
TACOMA, &c.	Braemar	Brit. str.	Porter	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI	Coptic	Brit. str.		O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA S'HAI, &c.	Peru	Amer. str.		P. M. S. S. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO	New York	Amer. ship.	Peabody	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Sikh	Brit. str.		Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About 25th inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Fernfield	Brit. str.	McFee	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On 20th inst., at 5 P.M.
NEW YORK	Drumelton	Brit. ship	Smith	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Gerard C. Tobey	Amer. bk.	Shurtly	Reuter Brockelmann & Co.	January.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Verona	Brit. str.	Tocque, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Yamashiro Maru	Jap. str.	Jones	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 20th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & NAGASAKI	Hohenzollern	Ger. str.	Bleeker	Melchers & Co.	On or about 17th inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Yamaguchi Maru	Jap. str.	Kawamuro	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 23rd inst., at 4 P.M.
KOBE DIRECT	Toyo Maru	Jap. str.	Hayashi	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 18th inst.
KOBE DIRECT	Nanyo Maru	Jap. str.	Tomita	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 18th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Laos	Fren. str.	Flandon	Messageries Maritimes	On or about 21st inst.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	Poseidon	Aus. str.	Meyer	Sander & Co.	On 21st inst.
SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO, &c.	Sagami Maru	Jap. str.	Carnow	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Prinz Heinrich	Ger. str.	Cappers	Melchers & Co.	On or about 18th inst.
SWATOW, AMOY, TAIWANFOO, &c.	Thales	Brit. str.	Robson	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Tsinan	Brit. str.	Ramsay	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Taiyuan	Brit. str.	Nelson	Butterfield & Swire	On 28th inst., at 3 P.M.
T'DAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, &c.	Tokio Maru	Jap. str.	Haswell	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
SANDAKAN & KUDAT	Deucalion	Brit. str.	Branch	Butterfield & Swire	To-day, at 3 P.M.
SANDAKAN & KUDAT	Memnon	Brit. str.	Mogridge	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th inst., at 3 P.M.
S'PORE, HAVRE, & HAMBURG	Bellona	Ger. str.	Binzer	Siemssen & Co.	On 21st inst., at 5 P.M.
S'PORE, COLOMBO, & BOMBAY	Idzumi Maru	Jap. str.	Nunome	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 30th inst., at Noon.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	Catherine Apcar	Brit. str.	Fay	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
STRAITS & BOMBAY	Peshawur	Brit. str.	Vibert, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 18th inst., at Noon.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

PERU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu) ..... THURSDAY, Dec. 16, 1897, at NOON.

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) ..... THURSDAY, Jan. 6, 1898, at NOON.

CITY OF PEKING (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... TUESDAY, Jan. 25, 1898, at NOON.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "PERU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU on THURSDAY, the 16th Dec., 1897, at NOON, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1897. [3

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN,"

Captain Ramsay, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 17th inst., at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co. and *vice versâ*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [2570

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 22nd December, at NOON, the Company's Steamship "ERNEST SIMONS," Captain de Maubeuge, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo will leave this port for MARSEILLES via ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 21st December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

C. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1897. [3

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"MIRZAPORE,"

Captain T. Wickenden, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY on THURSDAY, the 16th DECEMBER, at NOON, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France and London will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1897. [1

FOR KOBE DIRECT.

THE Steamship

"NANYO MARU,"

Captain Tomita, will be despatched for the above port on SATURDAY, the 18th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1897. [2355

FOR KOBE DIRECT.

THE Steamship

"TOYO MARU,"

Captain Hayashi, will be despatched for the above port on SATURDAY, the 18th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1897. [2356

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

COPTIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu) ..... TUESDAY, Dec. 28, 1897, at NOON.

GAELIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu) ..... SATURDAY, Jan. 15, 1898, at NOON.

DORIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) ..... THURSDAY, Feb. 3, 1898, at NOON.

THE Company's Steamship "COPTIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 28th December, 1897, at NOON.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versâ*) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [4

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Lines are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. 1792

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KURRACHEE, ADEN, MASSAWA, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FIUME, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, ADRIATIC and South African Ports.)

THE Company's Steamship

"TRIESTE,"

Captain A. Mitis, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 18th inst., P.M.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [5

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NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"PRINZ HEINRICH,"

Captain O. Cappers, due here with the outward German Mail about 16th inst., will leave for the above place about SATURDAY, the 18th inst.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [7

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LEGHORN AND GENOA.

THE Company's Steamship

"VOLUTE,"

Captain Carter, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 20th instant.

For Freight, apply to

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1897. [2247

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PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LAOS,"

Captain Flanden, will be despatched for the above ports on or about TUESDAY, the 21st inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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Hongkong, 15th December, 1897. [2

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG. PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS. ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

PRINZ HEINRICH	Tuesday	4th Jan.
PREUSSEN	Tuesday	1st Feb.
SACHSEN	Tuesday	1st March.

ON TUESDAY, the 4th day of January, 1898, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," O. Cappers, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING at NAPLES and GENOA.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [7

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For Freight, apply to

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [2835

FOR NEW YORK.

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"DRUMELTAN,"

Smith, Master, will load here for the above port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1897. [2335

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"NEW YORK,"

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
Hongkong, 26th October, 1897. [1446

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"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES.

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Captain N. Hooken, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 20th inst.

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Hongkong, 6th December, 1897. [2777

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THE Steamship

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S.S. "P. ADELAIDE" ..... do. 15th Jan., 1898.
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S.S. "LENNOX" ..... do. 10th Mar., 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
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Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [2404-2670

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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STEAMSHIP "OLYMPIA" FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1897. [2528

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"PESHAWUR,"

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &c., ex s.s. *Rome*.

From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. *King Arthur*, *Pyrilla*, and *Kapurthala*.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 18th inst. at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [1

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1897 [2827

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CHUSAN,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

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